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SUBJECT: REPORT RE MEETING OF CODEL OBEY WITH SADAT

REF: CAIRO 8638

- 1. CODEL CONGRESSMEN ALL APPRECIATED YOUR THOROUGHNESS AND SENSITIVITY IN HAVING CALLED TO THEIR ATTENTION THE POSSIBLE MISUNDERSTANDING OF PRESIDENT SADAT'S REMARKS WITH RESPECT TO SOVIET NAVY'S NON-USE OR USE OF EGYPTIAN FACILITIES.
- 2. FYI, IN SEPTEMBER 8 EXCHANGES WITH DEPTOFF (PALMER), CONGRESSMAN OBEY SAID THAT AFTER APPROVING CAIRO 8402 HE HAD CHECKED HIS NOTES WHICH CONFIRMED SADAT HAD ACKNOWLEDGED THAT SOVIETS WERE STILL USING ALEXANDRIA. CONGRESSMAN EARLY'S NOTES, WHICH HE SHARED WITH DEPTOFF, HAD SADAT SAYING THAT SOVIETS HAD BEEN EXCLUDED FROM-ALL EGYPTIAN NAVAL FACILITIES. CONGRESSMAN KOCH'S RECOLLECTION WAS THAT SADAT FIRST SAID SOVIETS HAD BEEN LIMITED TO ALEXANDRIA, BUT LATER HAD INDICATED THAT THEY HAD BEEN CONFIDENTIAL

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EXCLUDED FROM ALL NAVAL FACILITIES. END FYI.

- 3. APPARENTLY NONE OF THE CONGRESSMEN HAS PUBLICLY ADDRESSED THIS ASPECT OF THE SADAT ENCOUNTER.
- 4. THE CONGRESSMEN WERE EXTREMELY GRATEFUL FOR ALL THAT YOU AND YOUR MISSION DID FOR THEM IN THE MIDST OF YOUR OTHER PRESSING RESPONSIBILITIES. KISSINGER

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